

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 08/20/19

MINUTES:

Commissioners: Philip Weiss, John Hemingway, Russ Hamm, Stirling Edwards, & Jason York

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz

Attorney: Joe O'Donnell

Media and others: 1

6:00 p.m. –President Weiss declared the meeting open.

2. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner York moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays).

3. Consideration of and action on the minutes, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements – Commissioner Hemingway moved for approval of the July meeting minutes. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays). Treasurer Hamm gave account summaries of both the consolidated fund and each of the general fund balances. Commissioner Edwards moved to approve of the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner York second the motion. The July financial statements and August bills were approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

4. Public Comment – None

5. President's report – N/A

6. Director's report – Director Lenz welcomed new Superintendent of Events, Erin Hill to the District team. Lenz then gave the board an update on the new collaboration with the YMCA with programming, the involvement with the Wesley Village Ice Cream Social, attendance at both Randolph St Rendezvous and the Movie in the Park, and the involvement with the RPTA Department graduate picnic. Lenz informed the board she had the opportunity to speak at the McDonough County CEO program, volunteer with WIU Move-In Weekend, and be on the 5:00 p.m. new with KHQA. Lenz will also promoting Flatland Summer Jam on the Quincy radio show multiple times, as well as K100. Upcoming events covered were Flatland Summer Jam, Kite Fest, Lincoln Family Fun Night, PDGA Golf Tournament, and the September Movie in the Park.

7. Review and possible action regarding an extension of agreement with Seven Utility Management Consultants LLC – Director Lenz directed the board to their binders to find the documents related to this agenda item. She provided a brief explanation to the board as provided by Chris Frankhauser and made specific mention to the unusually low rates being seen at this time. After discussion Commissioner York moved to approve a 3 year contract with Seven

Utility Management Consultants LLC. Hamm second the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain).

8. Selection of First Midstate, Inc. as Underwriter/Placement Agent and Chapman and Cutler LLP as bond/disclosure counsel to the Underwriter/Placement Agent with respect to the District's upcoming General Obligation Limited Park Bond Issue – Director Lenz explained to the board that this is a standard procedure on the agenda as this is the 13th year the District has partnered with First Midstate. Lenz stated that interest rates are very low at this time which is beneficial to the bonding procedure but the Equalized Assessed Value of the City of Macomb has dropped so the bonding amount has also decreased slightly. Commissioner Hemingway moved to approve. York second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes, 0 nays)

9. Veterans Park Lighting Project progress report and discussion with action possible – Director Lenz distributed an updated project estimate for the lighting project provided by IMEG, which she pointed out is now considerably higher than what was given to the District at the beginning of 2018. The updated estimates are HID: \$475,000 - \$510,000 and LED: \$630,000 - \$650,000. She also informed the board that Musco had not sold an HID system in over a year, meaning there is high likelihood that they will not continue to carry that system and that the District may need to prepare to pay the \$630,000 - \$650,000 price tag. Lenz asked the board to consider moving forward with this development in a phased development, much like they have done for the other Veterans Park developments. Her fear in waiting being, at the rate the cost has increased the District would continue to watch the price grow out of a District their size's reach. She also informed the board there will be additional costs associated with this development that are not listed such as engineering costs, updating the transformer at the youth baseball diamond, amongst other unknown surprises that may come up. She asked the board if they would like her to begin discussions with IMEG about the different strategies of development. Commissioner Hemingway moved to (1) authorize the Director to initiate contact with IMEG to begin gathering data to build project packet for infrastructure and one field lighting and (2) after discussions the board consider investment strategy. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays)

10. Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items – Commissioner Hemingway to a moment to publicly thank Director Lenz for organizing the Board retreat. Commissioner Hamm echoed Commissioner Hemingway's comment and recommended a potential Park Tour for the Commissioners to see each of the parks with the vision statement in hand as well as a visual representation of the boundaries of the parks.

7:01 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Hemingway, second by York. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District